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The Honorable Kevin J. Martin, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington DC 20554

RE: PS Docket No. 07-8; CC Docket No. 94-102; WT Docket Nos. 03-264; 06-150, 06-169 and 96-86; EB Docket No. 06-119.

## Chairman Martin:

The National Association of EMS Physicians® (NAEMSP) is an organization of physicians and other professionals partnering to provide leadership and foster excellence in out-of-hospital emergency medical services. The majority of our members are emergency physicians who serve as medical directors for our nation's EMS agencies; the remainder are EMS administrators, researchers, state officials, and field personnel. Our members provide medical oversight to the EMS, fire, and police agencies that respond to medical emergencies nationwide.

The scheduled availability of recovered analog spectrum in the upper 700 MHz band provides the nation's public safety system a unique opportunity to secure sufficient contiguous spectrum to support a new, national broadband network that could be built, maintained, and operated for the primary benefit of public safety services and the citizens whose lives and property we are tasked to protect. We believe that it is imperative that the public safety community fully benefit from the advanced communications technologies and applications that are now available. We must be able to effectively send critical data like vital signs, video, triage data, and other information automatically. With 21st century communications capabilities, we can greatly enhance our ability to respond to emergencies, and save lives as a result.

NAEMSP respectfully requests that the FCC create a 10 MHz or larger "E Block" of the 700 MHz band currently scheduled for auction by the FCC under the DTV Transition Act, and require that the winner of the auction of this E Block have a binding agreement with public safety for its participation in the National Public Safety Broadband Network before receiving the license. Furthermore, the FCC should ensure that the public safety community is placed in charge of the

National Public Safety Broadband Network and not subordinate to the E Block auction winner.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

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President